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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) RECEIVED MAY 3 0 2003 TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

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Sir:

This is a request for filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of pending prior application Serial No. 09/849,437 filed on May 7, 2001. The present application data includes:

Application No.: 09/849,437 : May 7, 2001

Applicants : Masamitsu NAKAMINAMI

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Title : MACHINE TOOL

Art Unit : 3712 : Miller, B. Examiner Attorney Doc. : 0071/007001

A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. A petition for a one (1) month extension of time is filed concurrently herewith to maintain copendency.

The required fees are calculated below:

RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) \$750.00 One month's Extension of Time Fee \$110.00

TOTAL FEE DUE: \$860.00

The \$860.00 fee required for this application is currently due. charge this fee to Deposit Account No. 19-2586, referencing Attorney Docket No. 0071/007001. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached. It is believed that this fee covers all of the required fees for this application, however, if any additional fees are required please charge these required fees to Deposit Account No. 19-2586, referencing Attorney Docket No. 0071/007001.

If any additional fee is required, or if it appears that a telephone conference would help to advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned at 202-530-5900.

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